

Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs to sponsor 14 free programs during November 2016

(DOVER, Del.—Oct. 14, 2016)—The [five museums of the State of Delaware](#) will be sponsoring 14 special events during the month of November 2016. A full schedule is included below. All programs are free and open to the public.



Hand-dipped candles (bottom center) and the materials needed to produce them at the John Dickinson Plantation. Candle-dipping workshops will be held at the plantation on Nov. 19, 2016.

Administered by the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, the five museums—the John Dickinson Plantation, the Johnson Victrola Museum, the New Castle Court House Museum, The Old State House and the Zwaanendael Museum—tell the story of the First State's contributions to the history and culture of the United States. Through tours, exhibits, school programs and hands-on activities, the museums

shine a spotlight on Delaware's unique history and the diverse people who came to live there. The New Castle Court House Museum and the John Dickinson Plantation are partner sites of the [First State National Historical Park](#). The Old State House is located on the Dover Green, another partner site of the park. Go to the following for a comprehensive, long-term [calendar of events](#) sponsored by the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs.

Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs special programs, November 2016

Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016

["18th Century Market Fair."](#) Programs explore an era when The Green served as the focal point of life in Dover as historical interpreters explore the goods, wares and political attitudes of the 1700s. [The Old State House](#) will celebrate the fair with special tours and 18th-century-style demonstrations. Sponsored by the [First State Heritage Park](#). The Green, Dover. 9 a.m.—4 p.m. 302-744-5054.

Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016

["Some Like Classical."](#) [First Saturday in the First State](#) program explores some of Victor Records' earliest recordings of classical music played on authentic Victor Talking Machines. [Johnson Victrola Museum](#), 375 S. New St., Dover. 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m. 302-739-3262.

Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016

["Preservation50—'Preserving Large Metal Artifacts Outdoors.'](#) " Lecture by Michael D. Leister, former director of the Air Mobility Command Museum. Presented in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the passage of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes. Program at 2 p.m. on the museum's 2nd floor (entry via staircase; no elevator). Museum open 10 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Free admission but, due to space restrictions, reservations are required by calling 302-645-1148 no later

than Nov. 4, 2016.

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016

Election Day. The following museums of the State of Delaware will be open: The [Johnson Victrola Museum](#) and [The Old State House](#), open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; the [John Dickinson Plantation](#) and the [New Castle Court House Museum](#), both open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. The [Zwaanendael Museum](#) will be closed. 302-744-5054.

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016

“The People’s House.” In honor of Election Day, guided tours will explore the significance of The Old State House and the many state and county governmental functions that were conducted there between 1791 and 1933. [The Old State House](#), 25 The Green, Dover. 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-744-5054.



The House of Representatives chamber in Dover’s Old State House will be one of the locations featured in the program “The People’s House” on Nov. 8, 2016. Photo by Don Pearse Photographers.

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016

“Swing.” Guided tours explore the sounds of Swing music as recorded by Victor Records on 78-rpm disks and played on

authentic Victor Talking Machines. [Johnson Victrola Museum](#), 375 S. New St., Dover. 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-739-3262.

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016

“1782-1783: Treaty Signed.” Lecture by historic-site interpreter Bob Vander Decker. Part 11 of “The Founding of America in One Year,” a year-long series that examines important local and national events that led to the founding of the United States. [New Castle Court House Museum](#), 211 Delaware St., New Castle. 7 p.m. 302-323-4453.

Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016

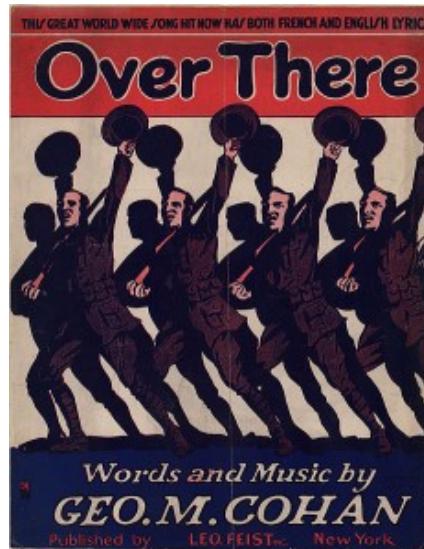
Return Day. The following museums of the State of Delaware will be open: The [Johnson Victrola Museum](#) and [The Old State House](#), open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; The [John Dickinson Plantation](#) and the [New Castle Court House Museum](#), open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. The [Zwaanendael Museum](#) will be open on this Sussex County holiday from 10 a.m.–Noon. 302-744-5054.

Friday, Nov. 11 2016

Veterans Day. All museums of the State of Delaware will be open: The [Johnson Victrola Museum](#) and [The Old State House](#), open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; the [John Dickinson Plantation](#), [New Castle Court House Museum](#) and the [Zwaanendael Museum](#), open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-744-5054.

Friday, Nov. 11, 2016

“The Victors of World War I: The Power of Music.” In celebration of Veterans Day, guided tours will examine music’s influence during World War I when patriotic songs were being composed throughout America. Hear 78-rpm recordings of this inspirational music played on authentic Victor Talking Machines, and explore how the Victor Talking Machine Company’s Camden, N.J. factory led the fight to make the world safe for democracy. [Johnson Victrola Museum](#), 375 S. New St., Dover. 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-739-3262.



““Over There” will be featured in the program “The Victors of World War I: The Power of Music” that will be presented at the Johnson Victrola Museum on Nov. 11, 2016.

Friday, Nov. 11, 2016

“Veteran’s Walking Tours.” Programs include stories and visits to grave sites of notable New Castle veterans from the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, United States Colored Troops, World Wars I and II, Korean War, Vietnam and Desert Storm. [New Castle Court House Museum](#), 211 Delaware St., New Castle. Tours depart at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Free admission but advance registration requested by calling 302-323-4453. Museum open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 11, 2016

“Delaware Band of Brothers: A Veterans Day Presentation.” Program examines the interconnected lives, dedication and friendship of four Union officers who served together for four years in the Delaware volunteers during the American Civil War. [The Old State House](#), 25 The Green, Dover. Program

at 1 p.m. Museum open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-744-5054.

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016

Dutch-American Heritage Day. Celebrate the anniversary of Nov. 16, 1776 when an American warship sailed into the harbor of the Dutch island of St. Eustatius in the West Indies and was greeted by a friendly salute, the first ever given by a foreign power to the flag of the newly-independent United States. Activities will include Dutch crafts, historical information and, at 2 p.m., “How Did a Rocky Dutch Island Seven Square Miles in Area Become the Catalyst for American Revolution?,” a lecture by Stuart Forman. Lecture held on the museum’s 2nd floor (entry via staircase; no elevator). [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes. 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-645-1148.



Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016

Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild. Program explores spinning, weaving, knitting and other fabric arts. [John Dickinson Plantation](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover. Program 1–3 p.m. Museum open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-739-3277.

Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016

Bayberry candle workshops. Programs examine bayberries and their use in creating bayberry candles. Presented in partnership with the [St. Jones Reserve](#). [John Dickinson Plantation](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover. Workshops to take place from 10 a.m.–Noon and 1–3 p.m. in an unheated venue. Please dress appropriately. Museum open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission but, due to space restrictions, reservations for the workshop are required by calling 302-739-3277 no later than Nov. 18.

Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016

"A Revolutionary Game of Cat and Mouse: Henry Fisher, HMS Roebuck and the Delaware Bay." Lecture by historic-site interpreter Andrew Lyter. Part one of "Ship to Shore Saturdays," a four-part series that chronicles local Lewes history. [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes. Program at 2 p.m. on the museum's 2nd floor (entry via staircase; no elevator). Museum open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission but, due to space restrictions, reservations are required by calling 302-645-1148 no later than Nov. 18, 2016.

Thursday, Nov. 24, 2016

Thanksgiving Day. All museums of the State of Delaware (the [John Dickinson Plantation](#), the [Johnson Victrola Museum](#), the [New Castle Court House Museum](#), [The Old State House](#) and the [Zwaanendael Museum](#)) will be closed. 302-744-5054.

Friday, Nov. 25, 2016

Day After Thanksgiving. All museums of the State of Delaware will be open: The [Johnson Victrola Museum](#) and [The Old State House](#), open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; the [John Dickinson Plantation](#), [New Castle Court House Museum](#) and the [Zwaanendael Museum](#), open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-744-5054.

Saturday, Nov. 26, 2016

"Handmade for the Holidays." Seasonal program in which visitors can create a sachet with herbs and spices. [John Dickinson Plantation](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover. Program 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Museum open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-739-3277.

Exhibits and displays, November 2016

In addition to special programming, the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs is sponsoring the following exhibits and displays. Admission is free and open to the public:

Thru Dec. 31, 2016

[“Wine and Spirits in Delaware: Producing, Preserving, and Presenting.”](#) Exhibit features objects and graphics from the 18th to the 21st centuries that illustrate Delaware’s wine and spirits trade. [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes. Nov. 1–March 31: Wed.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. April 1–Oct. 31: Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Sun., 1:30–4:30 p.m. 302-645-1148.

Thru mid-April, 2017

[“The Old State House: A True Restoration 1976-2016.”](#) Display explores preservation work that has been conducted since Delaware’s first state capitol building was restored to its original appearance in 1976. From the collections of the State of Delaware. [The Old State House](#), 25 The Green, Dover. Mon.–Sat., 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Sun., 1:30–4:30 p.m. 302-744-5054.

Ongoing

[“Discovering Delaware’s Maritime Past.”](#) Display explores the DeBraak, a shipwrecked 18th-century British warship including a photo of the hull recovery, reproductions of items aboard ship, and a model of the vessel. [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes. Nov. 1–March 31: Wed.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. April 1–Oct. 31: Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Sun., 1:30–4:30 p.m. 302-645-1148.

Ongoing

[“Emeline Hawkins: Her Journey From Slavery to Freedom on the Underground Railroad.”](#) Exhibit chronicles the compelling story of Emeline Hawkins and her family and their 1845 odyssey on the Underground Railroad from slavery in Maryland, through Delaware to freedom in Pennsylvania. [New Castle Court House Museum](#), 211 Delaware St., New Castle. Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Sun., 1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-323-4453.



Section of the exhibit
"Emeline Hawkins: Her
Journey from Slavery to
Freedom on the
Underground Railroad,"
on display at the New
Castle Court House
Museum.

Ongoing

["A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World."](#)

Exhibit utilizes artifacts recovered from His Majesty's Sloop of War DeBraak, a British warship that sank off the Delaware coast on May 25, 1798 to tell the story of the vessel, its crew and the historical context within which it operated in the Atlantic World of the late 18th century. [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes. Nov. 1–March 31: Wed.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. April 1–Oct. 31: Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Sun., 1:30–4:30 p.m. 302-645-1148.

Ongoing

[Sculpture by Charles Parks](#). Display of works by the noted Wilmington artist featuring historical and political figures including a Minute Man, and presidents Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford and George W. Bush. [New Castle Court House Museum](#), 211

Delaware St., New Castle. Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Sun., 1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-323-4453.

Ongoing

“Simple Machines.” Exhibit demonstrating the six “simple machines”—incline ramp, screw, wedge, pulley, lever and wheel—that constitute the elementary building blocks of which many more-complicated machines are composed. [John Dickinson Plantation](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover. Oct. 1–March 31: Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. April 1–Sept. 30: Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Sun., 1:30–4:30 p.m. 302-739-3277.

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